

Lindberg Joshua

From: Ed Glinsky [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 18, 2018 3:22 AM
To: Lindberg Joshua
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Witness statement regarding N2893Q

Joshua,

Per your request, attached is a statement on what I witnessed regarding N2893Q,

On 08/16/2018 shortly after 7:00pm I watched N2893Q, a Cessna 172 land after a short flight. The aircraft taxied to Skydive Cowtown and stopped with the engine running. I watched an adult and 2 children board the aircraft. I went out in front of my hangar (runway side) to watch the takeoff. The aircraft taxied to the departure end of runway 13 and immediately started the takeoff roll. On takeoff roll the engine was running smoothly, but to me sounded like it was a little shy of making 2300 rpm for takeoff. Takeoff roll was nose high and it appeared to me that he was conducting a soft field takeoff. Takeoff roll was long in this configuration using approximately half the runway lifting off when the cattle pen was off his right wingtip. After lift-off the aircraft nose pitched up very high for few seconds. At approximately 50' AGL he pushed the nose down and held the aircraft just off the deck and the aircraft appeared to be accelerating. Near the departure end of the runway the aircraft pitched up at what seemed to be a higher angle than necessary. At approximately 300' AGL the aircraft started an uncoordinated turn (skid) to the left. Almost immediately the nose started pitching down. The aircraft rolled out on a northerly heading and started to rapidly loose altitude in a slight nose down attitude. I lost sight of the aircraft before impact.

Ed Glinsky

Lindberg Joshua

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:33 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Lindberg Joshua
Subject: RE: Events 8/16 - Heather Patterson

Good morning Mrs. Patterson,

This statement is great!! Thank you for the information, I look forward to receiving your husband's statement.

From: Heather Patterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:17 AM
To: Bennett, Robert (FAA) [REDACTED]
Subject: Events 8/16 - Heather Patterson

Mr. Bennett,

Please find my statement below:

On the afternoon of Thursday, 8/16/2018, I arrived at my Dad's (Curtis "Scott" Moore's) place in Rhome at approximately 6 PM. We waited for the other family to arrive, while I visited with Scott and Ben. Scott took the youngest child with him on the Ranger to check the runway condition and drive around the property for fun. He came back approximately 20 minutes later, which is approximately when my sister in law and her children arrived. Scott was in good spirits, happy to see everyone and greeted each person as he saw them. He looked healthy and rested, and told the kids that he would take them on another ride in the plane (as he had done one week prior) if they wanted. He pulled the plane out of the parking area sometime before 1900 and I remember seeing him walk around the plane and get in and out for a bit, as he usually does before starting. Scott and the older boys helped push the plane to the open area away from the hangar where my oldest son, Giovanni, my nephew, Lucas, and another child got in – I can't remember who – to take the first flight which lasted approximately 20 minutes. They flew around the airport, staying within eyesight and landed without any problem. Once they were out of the plane, I got in with my 19 month old, Tatum, my sister in law, Amanda, and her son Ely. We flew for approximately 5-7 minutes, following the same pattern as the previous flight, when Amanda told Scott that she wasn't feeling well and asked him to land. He confirmed with me that he heard her correctly and advised that he was circling around to take us back to the airport. We landed with no issue and once we were out of the plane, my friend Brentley, his son Daniel, and my nephew Ely got onto the plane and took off. They were airborne by the end of the runway so we turned around and began talking as we were. Seconds later, I turned around to check on their location and saw the plane appear to drop slightly and bank hard to the left. They had not gained a lot of altitude by this time; but I saw the plane go behind the tree line and heard the faint sound of a crash. I looked at the others who were also unsure of what happened or where they were and when the plane did not regain altitude, we realized that something was wrong. We ran towards the hangar to alert Ben, who ran out; she and I jumped on the Ranger to drive to their last known location. Tommy drove off on the dirt bike and arrived to the end of the runway before we did, so we weren't sure which direction he ran. We stopped the vehicle and ran straight to begin looking for them. We did not find them and could not hear any voices, so we ran to a nearby house where we used a phone to call Tommy to locate them. We did not get to the crash site until after paramedics had arrived and were tending to all passengers, where we waited.

End.

Please let me know if I can provide any other information. Tommy worked late last night and was unable to write his statement but plans to get it to you this evening.

Heather Patterson

Lindberg Joshua

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 8:53 AM
To: Lindberg Joshua
Subject: FW: Statement

From: Tommy Patterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 8:43 PM
To: Bennett, Robert (FAA) [REDACTED]
Subject: Statement

Hi Robert,
Here is my statement from the day of the accident.

I arrived at Scott's place around 5:00 and saw Scott shortly after I got there. He seemed well and we talked for a few minutes about work and kids until we took my two boys on a ride on the Ranger and the dirt bike. When we got back, the other family members showed up and Scott went to pull the plane out of the lean-to, to take the kids for a ride. The first flight looked usual, sounded the same as always and I had no concerns. They flew for about 20 minutes then landed and the next group took off again with no issues. The second flight lasted less than 10 minutes and Amanda came out of the plane saying that she didn't like to fly but wanted to go for a short ride. The third time that he went up, everything sounded good and he took off, I'm not sure how high they got but I did see him quickly bank hard left and level back out. The plane started getting lower until I heard a faint sound. I immediately got on the dirt bike and went to the end of the run way, jumped the fence, ran through a field, jumped another fence, didn't see them, came back, went around to where the trees were and when I made it around the trees I saw Daniel (14 year old) sitting on the grass about 50 feet away from the plane. I heard Brentley and went to the plane, he was okay but he was through the windshield on the dashboard with his head and shoulders sticking out, and his arm was stuck under the wing. I pulled the rest of the windshield off of the plane. I looked for Ely and saw him run out from the trees where he went to look for help. He was okay but scrapped up so I went back to Brentley. Scott was still in the plane strapped in his seat belt so I checked his pulse. I pulled Brentley out of the plane, set him on the wing and went to unbuckle Scott from the seat belt. Scott's seat was hanging in the way so I pulled the seat out of the plane and pulled Scott out. I got him onto the wing, checked his pulse a second time and tried to do CPR the best I knew how and within a few minutes the paramedics showed up.

Thank you, Tommy Patterson